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Salt Lake Ablaze With Enthusiasm Over the Silver Convention.

THE SESSIONS YESTERDAY.

An Eloquent Address by Gov. Rickards, of Montana.

The Visitors Welcomed By Governor West and Mayor Baskin. Governor Prince Speaks For the Delegates—Strong Disposition to Get Down to Work at Once—A Permanent Organization Effected, With Ex-Governor Thompson, of Oregon, President, Hon. T. J. Clunie, of California and Hon. Alva Adams, of Colorado, Vice-Presidents, H. W. Laugenour, of California, Secretary, and Joseph M. Hutchinson, of Idaho, Assistant Secretary—A Rousing Mass Meeting Last Night—The Complete Programme For Today.

Today Salt Lake city is famous all over the United States. In it is centered the hopes of the silver men of the west, and the east is being kept thoroughly informed by the press association of the doings of the thirty representative men who have come from the silver states to perfect an organization that will grow strong and last before another year has gone by. The silver convention, about which the west, and particularly Utah, has been agitated for some weeks, has at last met and a permanent organization has been effected. Today the convention will take up the plan of organization and by tomorrow night it is hoped that the work will be finished. The members are suited to the work they have in hand. They are practical workers, thoroughly familiar with the silver question and the people of the west. They are none the less able men some of the better known men of national fame who could not come. What more they are thoroughly imbued with the idea of making this organization effective.

It is not supposed that any declaration of a political nature will be made. No threat is to be held out to either of the parties. That is, no threat in words. The threat will be in the shape of an organization, which it is hoped will be extended down even into the precincts of all the states in the west. A hand will be held out to the various sections to encourage them to organize and a campaign of education of the anti-silver people will be set well under way.

The Procession.

The work began yesterday morning, when the delegates met with prominent citizens of the city and territory at the Knutsford and fraternized. At 11 o'clock a procession of carriages was formed, and headed by the Denhalter band and a platoon of police, went up State to South Temple, on that street to Main, down to First South, then to West Temple, then to Third South then to Main again, and up Main to the Temple square. In the carriages were the delegates, Governor West, city and county officials and the members of the reception committee.

At the Tabernacle.

The tabernacle presented quite a festive appearance. From the centre hung two large flags, and running out from them to the gallery railing were long streamers of the national colors. The rear of the gallery was set off by these colors with knots of various hued bunting. The front of the gallery was tastefully ornamented with numerous small flags, having as a background silver and gold and other vari-colored and rich banners. In the midst of these were succinct and suggestive mottoes, reading:

Financial Independence.

No More Banco Platforms Go.

Sound Money, Say the Goldbugs.

Silver, Say the People.

Our Song—Silver Threads Among the Gold.

We Want a Circulating Medium That Will Circulate.

The audience began to gather at the tabernacle long before the line of carriages came to the building and when the distinguished visitors finally entered and seated themselves on the platform there was an audience of about 1,500 to 2,000 men and women. Among them were leading business and professional men, comprising some of the best thinkers of the city. In all it was an audience of which the city may well be proud. It did not look as large as it would in a smaller hall, as even such a large audience will appear scattered in a great building like the tabernacle.

On the stand were the delegates from the various states and territories, with the committee of citizens who had the matter in charge.

Governor Rickards' Address.

After a lively session by the Denhalter band, at 12:35 Governor Rickards, of Montana, arose and called the meeting to order. He was greeted with an instantaneous and hearty outburst of applause from the delegates and audience. His speech was as follows: It becomes my duty—I appreciate the distinguished honor—of calling this convention to order.

In the history of nations no great wrong was ever righted save through the concerted efforts of earnest men.

I have faith enough in humanity to believe that the natural patriotism of the people is equal to the duty of honest effort and tireless action in the cause of right when the right is clearly understood. Misdirected activity in any cause that concerns the welfare of the people, however, is a pernicious thing, rather than a fatherhood of malice.

Met as Earnest Men.

We have met today, not as censors, parading the causes of our discontent, and nerving to the world the bitterness we feel over the injustice that has made our co-operation the necessity of the hour, but as earnest men, representative of a great cause and delegated to the performance of a duty by a constituency whose interests are enmeshed only by the geographical limits of the republic. We have met as the champions of honest money—of money so honest that its pure white luster is never tarnished by the fears of the starving or rusted by the hand of crime as it moves through the channels of commerce in a current of perpetual hope. We have met, not to

appeal to the prejudices that may cluster instinctively around the self-interests of any community or people; not to weigh anchor upon a sea of uncertainty in the trade winds of politics, but to institute a new movement, along new lines, for the better education of the masses on the financial problems of the day.

Noble Sentiments a Birthright.

In calling this conference, and inviting the co-operation of western governors in an interstate educational movement in the interests of the free coinage of silver, I am impelled by the belief that in the home circle of the American citizen lies the destiny of the white man. Those noble sentiments of manhood that make our republic a possibility are the birthright of the American freeman.

The time has come when we must appeal not only to the business sense of the voter, with non-partisan logic, but we must reach down into the moral activities of the heart and ask that the individual conscience stand up and be counted on the side of right.

From a Glided Theory.

The argument of the single standard advocates has matured from a glided theory into a condition that ought to appeal with irresistible force to the candid observer of events. It becomes our duty to supplement the arguments of ungodly smokestacks and abandoned farms, of broken banks and crushed commercial enterprises, with incisive reasoning as to the solution that unshored in the "winter of our discontent."

Existing conditions, reflecting the misfortunes of the business world upon every phase of our industrial and social life, have stimulated a demand on the part of the masses for a better and more equitable financial proposition that self-interests may be respected at the polls. In no way can the interests of silver be better served, in the receptive condition of the public mind, than through a systematic course of education that will reach the individual intelligence in the sacred circle of the home.

America's European Wing.

The eminent gentlemen who represent the several states in this conference have been delegated with the responsibility of defining ways and means for the carrying out of this object, and that your labors will prove an aggressive step in a most successful campaign of education. I don't need already the European wing of the American republic, beating the air in an effort to retain its lofty perch. The gold men of both continents read in the signs of the times the possibility of an angry defeat, and are bending their energies to the annihilation of the object of their fears.

Strangle the Silver Sentiment.

All that literature can do, all that oratory can accomplish, all that gold can achieve, will be done to strangle the growing sentiment for silver. A subsidized press, controlled by the financial interests that thrive on the misfortunes of the people, has entered the arena upon the mission of delegating to it by the custodians of its conscience.

The lines of battle have been formed by the logic of events and the struggle for reinforcements promises to be the greatest contest in the history of modern times, involving in its conclusions the poverty or prosperity of the coldest millions that comprise the membership of our fraternal Union.

Withering Blight of Monometallism.

It remains to be seen whether the blight of bimetalism, that has withered the energies of our industrial life, has burned into the heart and made him the willing pupil of nobler and better lessons in finance. In the tidal wave that is now gathering strength all over the land for the free coinage of silver I see the avant-courier of better days to come. Whatever may be the errors of head or heart that misdirects the American citizen he usually respects the object lesson of disaster, and his mind is ripe for the reception of the truth.

Propagation of Sound Bimetalism.

Therefore, every instinct of self-

preservation, every hope for the future, every ambition to succeed, invites the dedication of our best energies to the propagation of sound bimetalism. To place wholesome financial literature in the hands of the eastern voter becomes a duty that overshadows every other obligation of a public character that we owe to our fellow men.

The object of this conference is to devise arguments in favor of the free coinage of the white metal, for such arguments are indubitably written upon the progress and prosperity of the human race, to place in the hands of the voter these arguments fashioned into language that the wayfaring man can understand and apply. If this mission be accomplished, the victory is won.

In a conference of this character no political prejudices are invited, and it is non-partisan rests the pledge of its sincerity. (Hearty applause.)

Zealous For the Right.

We do not meet as Republicans, Democrats or as Populists, but as American citizens zealous for the right, "as God gives us to see the right" and earnest in the advocacy of sound financial principles. The necessity of this people in the east, as well as in the west, have grown distrustful of the financial ability of a class of reasoners whose policy has invited the worst financial disasters that have ever overtaken the business interests of our country or paralyzed the energies of our people.

Gold Men Discredited.

Every prophecy made by the gold men has been discredited by the progress of events, and every prediction made by the silver men has been verified in the colossal misfortunes that have visited our land. The logic of the financial situation is a veritable arsenal of the public judgment, and it will come. The masses of the people in the east are as much interested in the cause of prosperity as are the citizens of the west.

To secure their intelligent co-operation it is only necessary to educate them as to the causes of the hard times and they will seek with avidity the only cure within the reach of mankind, and help eliminate from the financial system of our government the disastrous policy of monometallism.

The Case of Billy Patterson.

It has been said that Mr. William Patterson never discovered who struck him, and I apprehend that many of the deluded victims of the goldbug policy will never ascertain the cause of the financial troubles that have overtaken them. Education is wasted upon the man whose mind is so narrow that it is completely buried under one side of any public question, and cannot weigh facts or analyze conditions.

But in the main our eastern cousins aim to deal fairly with public questions; the masses of the people are seeking the common good, and with the financial issue fairly drawn and intelligently presented, we have a right to hope for their co-operation.

An Inviting Field.

The field for an educational campaign, conducted on broad and patriotic grounds, is a most inviting one. To make this campaign a successful one is merely to avail ourselves of the opportunities presented and dedicate to the mission of honest money our earnest and unremitting efforts. It is unnecessary, in this connection, for me to suggest ways and means for laying before the eastern voter the gospel of sound finance.

An interchange of views in the various committees, to which much of the practical work of this conference will be delegated, will evolve methods and plans most consistent with good results. It will be well, however, to keep constantly in mind that the hosts of the enemy are marshalled in the field, that masked batteries are as

her when she enters the Union are being fashioned. She will go in with strong determination to uphold the rights of the people. The selection of Utah for the conference was felicitous, for here is to be found a genial climate and a fruitful soil. The sentiment here is almost unanimous in favor of the silver cause, and it was his duty and pleasure to extend a welcome, in the name of the silver prospectors; not in the name of those who have grown rich in mining; not in the name of the banks; not in the name of any class, but in the name of all; in the name of labor, in the name of all commercial enterprise. With wisdom and prudence plans will be formulated which could only result in good to the silver cause.

In the Name of the City.

Mayor Baskin welcomed the delegates in the name of the city. He said that Salt Lake had been wisely chosen for the convention. The geography will show it is almost in the center of the silver sentiment in the west. The silver men are about to enter into a campaign of education. The people should be so taught that they will send the proper message to Congress. No more compromises are wanted. Too many have been tried in the last thirty years; and all have been unsatisfactory, and he wanted no more. He hoped the convention would prove a factual in extending light among the middle classes, who are most interested in the question. He extended a hearty welcome in the name of Salt Lake.

"Prince of Good Fellows."

Governor Rickards called up "that prince of good fellows," Governor Prince, of New Mexico, to answer the address of welcome.

Governor Prince said it was a pleasant duty to respond to such a cordial welcome. Yet no speaker could do justice to the feeling which is in the hearts of all the delegates. The delegates represent a vast region, and each one thinks his own locality is better than the garden of Eden. There are many such in the west. But each man who comes, though he might think his own place the especial garden, will give the second place to Utah and Salt Lake. We are glad to be here. This is an opportune time. Next year the state will cast its virgin vote.

Our Women in Politics.

We have watched your progress and rejoice that next year there will be more votes for honest money and other honest things. We think you have done well to bring your women into your political affairs. That insures peace and happiness. We are happy to meet in this beautiful spot. Those who have been here before are glad to return and those who have not were glad to come. We recognize the energy which has built up the city and appreciate the good will shown us. The banners of your streets were significant. One said "The money of Jefferson and Hamilton are good enough for us." This teaches that we are not asking for anything new.

Financial Monroe Doctrine.

The other banner said "O! For a financial Monroe doctrine." That is another keynote. We need a financial

Hampered by Current Events.

Yet, with the treasuries of Europe behind them, with the best talent that money can employ, with a subsidized press retailing opinions and manufacturing facts for pay, the goldbugs are hampered by the testimony of current events. The movement to corner the gold output of our intermountain region, that another issue of government bonds may be forced to replenish the treasury of the United States, has raised the danger signal in every community in the land.

It proves the dangerous possibilities of monometallism and verifies the suspicions that cling to the skirts of its chief advocates and champions. The aggressiveness of greed that characterizes the campaign of the monometallists, as contrasted with the plans and purposes of bimetalism, carries with its activities the seeds of its own defeat.

Common Cause of Self-Defense.

Differences of opinion as to the value of this policy or that are blended into a common cause of self-defense when the treasury of the United States becomes an object of speculation and the credit of the nation is marked for plunder. In the coming crisis in the great struggle for honest money—in carrying the flag of bimetalism to the victory that awaits it—we must be disciplined by the exigencies of the hour and proceed to outline our work in a spirit of perfect harmony.

Minor differences must be relegated to a time when minor issues allow lay claim upon the best efforts of the patriotic citizens.

That spirit of loyalty that has brought us together in a common cause will inspire us to united action. This convention is composed of

three delegates from each state and territory invited to participate in its deliberations. I am proud to know that from all sections of the west come delegations of prominent citizens to attest the fact that the moral sentiments of the people are behind the movement.

Thankful to all the agencies that have contributed to make this conference a success; grateful to the distinguished citizens of every state on the roster of its membership, and sharing with you all the hopes and ambitions that cluster around an interstate educational movement in the interests of the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, I leave this meeting in your hands.

Governor West in Welcome.

Governor West welcomed the delegates and the audience. He said Utah has as yet only swaddling clothes, but the garments which are to clothe

Montana. The nomination was made unanimous, and Governor McConnell, of Idaho, and Judge Bickford, of Montana, escorted him to the platform, where he was introduced as the father of the convention.

Wanted Business Only.

Mr. Merrill said the attention of the people from Maine to California was on this convention. The people were never so anxious for honest teaching on money as they are today. The object of the convention is to educate the people so that next year more than half of them will vote for honest bimetalism without regard to party. He said the convention was there for business and business was wanted.

H. W. Laugenour Temporary Sec'y.

Mr. Clunie, of California, nominated Henry W. Laugenour, of California, for temporary secretary, and the nomination was approved unanimously.

On Credentials.

Congressman Shafroth moved that a committee of credentials, with three members, be appointed, and this being carried, the chair appointed ex-Congressman Bartine, Senator Clark, of Wyoming, and Plummer, of Idaho, Committee on Permanent Organization.

Governor Prince, of New Mexico, moved the appointment of a committee on permanent organization and order of business, and it was decided there should be one from each state. The following were named by the different delegations:

E. B. Light, Colorado; J. C. Young, Oregon; Sol. Hilt, Nevada; R. C. Chambers, Utah; T. J. Clunie, California; George V. Bryan, Idaho; Governor Prince, New Mexico; B. C. Kingsbury, Washington; W. M. Bigford, Montana; F. W. Mondell, Wyoming.

The Accredited Delegates.

The convention had to await the action of the two committees in the afternoon, and, as a consequence, Temporary Chairman Merrill did not call to order until 2:30. Then the committee on credentials made the report that

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